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In re Application of
Rashida A. Karmali
Serial Number: 10/826,083
Filed: April 16, 2004
For: SPECIMEN COLLECTING, PROCESSING AND
ANALYTICAL ASSEMBLY

PETITION UNDER
M.P.E.P. 708.02 X

This is in response to the petition filed April 23, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under section 708.02 X of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.17(d). The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) has been paid.

The criteria set forth in section 708.02 X of the MPEP has not been met. Specifically, the petition was not accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention contributes to the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of HIV/AIDS or cancer. See MPEP 708.02 X.

The application remains in the status of a new application awaiting action in its regular turn. Applicant is given one opportunity to perfect the request in a renewed petition to make special. If perfected, the request will then be granted. If not perfected in the first renewed petition, any additional renewed petitions to make special may or may not be considered at the discretion of the Technology Center (TC) Special Program Examiner.

Accordingly the petition is **DENIED**.

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